

House Resolution No. 1953

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exceptional citizens in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Debbie Palozola deserves commendation for her well-deserved selection to receive a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award which will be presented to her on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Eleventh Annual Community Recognition Dinner at The Columns Banquet Center; and

Whereas, Debbie Palozola will receive Crime Stoppers honors and accolades because of the central role she played in apprehending the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident; and

Whereas, on April 18, 2002, a motor vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Friedens Road and Highway 94 when a car ran into the back of an automobile which had halted for a red stoplight; and

Whereas, once the light turned green, the driver of the vehicle which had struck the first car proceeded to pull around the damaged automobile, sideswipe it, and then leave the scene; and

Whereas, Debbie Palozola and her traveling companion followed the suspect's vehicle, called the police using a cellular phone, and updated law enforcement officials on the fleeing car's whereabouts during a five-mile-long pursuit in which the other driver attempted repeatedly to elude them before being stopped by officers and arrested; and

Whereas, it is through the actions of citizens such as Debbie Palozola that society is made safer and the criminal element is called to task for preying on the vast majority of an area's residents who are law-abiding and peaceful:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Debbie Palozola for a 2002 St. Charles Crime Stoppers Citizen of the Year award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of her willingness to intervene on behalf of others in dangerous circumstances; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Debbie Palozola, as an expression of our esteem for her and her civic contributions.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

Representative Thomas S. Green
District No. 15

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1953, adopted April 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker